

Samuel Bates Continued

Then I give and bequeath unto my son
William all that tract or parcel of land
lying on Sandy River beginning at Thomas
Wrights corner on a white oak thence following
the said line to the road thence down to a
new line made between bot Wilson and
my self thence along the new line to the river
then I give and bequeath all my stock and
house hold furniture to my beloved wife for
the use of her and the family I leave my
Executors R. R. and Subsequent Wm Bates
Thos Guin, A. Guin and sealed this 24th day
of October 1803

James Lawrence
John Subsequent
Pena Bloy

Samuel Bates

JOHN COVINGTON

In the name of God Amen. I John
Covington of Rockingham County State
of North Carolina being in a weak and
debilitated state of Body but of sound mind
and memory and baling to mind that I
is appointed for man once to die, do make and
ordain this my last will and testament.

That it is my will and desire that my beloved
wife Mary Covington shall have the free use of
and benefit of my home plantation together
with the stock and all my moveable estate of
every kind and description for and during her
natural life, provided she remains my widow
but in case of her intermarriage it is my will
that she shall have a child part.

It is also my will that if in the opinion
of my Executors the state should so increase
as to become too large or any part of the
property should become in a degree of waste
or loss that my executors shall have and
dispose of such part as to them shall
appear for the benefit of the estate
It is expressly intended that the whole tract
of land whereon I now reside agreeable to
its known boundaries in and by the incorpo-
ration of hope plantation above and it also
my intention that my negro girl Hannah
be included in the property intended to left
to my wife during her life or widowhood
Then I give and bequeath to my son William
Covington all my lands on the following
conditions and the incumbrances
hereafter mentioned that is to say he shall
be entitled to immediate possession of
my lands and purchase of ballance
together with an entry adjoining except a lot
to be laid off at the discretion of my
Executors for the benefit of my son John
Covington as here after mentioned it is
also my will that my said son William
Covington shall have and enjoy all
my other lands at the death of his father
and his paying his brother Thomas Covington
five hundred dollars and the further sum
of three hundred dollars to my grand
son Edmund Covington to be paid
so soon as the said Edmund shall
arrive at the age of twenty one years
the lot designed for the benefit of
my son John Covington
to revert to my son William at the death
of my son John